

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of displaying a plurality of concurrent IM sessions:

providing a graphical interface to display information related to a plurality of IM sessions, wherein each IM session in the plurality of IM sessions is with a different contact than the contacts of the other IM sessions in the plurality of IM sessions;

displaying a first one of the plurality of IM sessions in a single IM session window;

representing each one of the plurality of IM sessions as a corresponding one of a plurality of indicators in the single IM session window;

receiving a plurality of messages in one or more of the plurality of IM sessions; and

indicating the number of messages received in one or more of the plurality of IM sessions in each of the respective indicators in the single IM session window which corresponds to the one or more of the plurality of IM sessions in response to receiving the plurality of messages.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

initiating a plurality of IM sessions.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein representing each one of the plurality of IM sessions as a corresponding one of the plurality of indicators in the single IM session window includes representing each one the non-displayed ones of the plurality of IM sessions as a corresponding one of the plurality of indicators in the single IM session window.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
providing a second symbol indicating a beginning of a received message that is displayed in the single IM session window.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
providing a third symbol indicating a beginning of a sent message that is displayed in the single IM session window.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
receiving a message in a selected one of the plurality of IM sessions;  
adding the message to the number of previously-received messages in the IM session; and  
updating the number of messages received in each of the indicators which corresponds to the one or more of the plurality of IM sessions .

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein indicating the number of messages comprises displaying a number of first symbols within each of the indicators corresponding to the number of messages.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7 wherein, upon reaching a number of messages equal to a specified threshold, displaying a second symbol to indicate that the number of messages are above the threshold.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

displaying a second one of the plurality of IM sessions, wherein the second session is one of the plurality of IM sessions that was not displayed.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising representing the first one of the plurality of IM sessions only as a corresponding one of the plurality of indicators in the single IM session window.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising representing the first one of the plurality of IM sessions as a corresponding one of the plurality of indicators in the single IM session window.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein displaying a second one of the plurality of IM sessions includes:

selecting a hot key.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein selecting a hot key includes:

selecting a numbered key that corresponds to a number assigned to the corresponding one of the plurality of indicators in the single IM session window.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein displaying a second one of the plurality of IM sessions includes:

selecting the indicator that corresponds to the second one of the plurality of IM sessions.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising prioritizing each one of the plurality of indicators.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the prioritizing each one of the plurality of indicators includes:

prioritizing each one of the plurality of indicators in order of activity of the IM session that corresponds to each one of the plurality of indicators.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the activity of the IM session includes at least one of a group consisting of:

receiving a message in the IM session;

sending a message in the IM session;

displaying the IM session.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the prioritizing each one of the plurality of indicators includes:

assigning the displayed IM session a lowest priority.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the prioritizing each one of the plurality of indicators includes:

assigning the displayed IM session a highest priority.

20-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) An instant messaging (IM) session graphical user interface for concurrently managing a plurality of IM sessions comprising:

a single IM session window to display text associated with a first one of the plurality of IM sessions, wherein each IM session in the plurality of IM sessions is with a different contact than the contacts of the other IM sessions in the plurality of IM sessions; and

a plurality of indicators, displayed in the single IM session window, representing each one of the other plurality of IM sessions, wherein in response to receiving a plurality of messages in one or more of the other plurality of IM sessions, the plurality of indicators in the single IM session window indicate the number of messages received in one or more of the respective IM sessions of the plurality of IM sessions which correspond to the one or more of the plurality of IM sessions.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A system for instant messaging comprising:

a processor;

a display coupled to the processor;

a network coupled to the processor;

a memory coupled to the processor, wherein the memory includes

instruction that when executed by the processor cause the processor to:

provide a graphical interface to display information related to a

plurality of IM sessions, wherein each IM session in the plurality of IM

sessions is with a different contact than the contacts of the other IM

sessions in the plurality of IM sessions;

display a first one of the plurality of IM sessions in a single IM

session window;

represent each one of the plurality of IM sessions as a

corresponding one of a plurality of indicators in the single IM session

window;

receive a plurality of messages in one or more of the plurality of IM

sessions; and

indicate the number of messages received in one or more of the plurality

of IM sessions in each of the respective indicators in the single IM session

window which corresponds to the one or more of the plurality of IM sessions in

response to receiving the plurality of messages.

25. (Original) The system of claim 24, wherein the processor is coupled to the network via a wireless network.

26. (Original) The system of claim 24 further comprising a mobile user terminal, wherein the processor and the display are included in the mobile user terminal.

27. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having program code stored thereon which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform the operations of:

providing a graphical interface to display information related to a plurality of IM sessions, wherein each IM session in the plurality of IM sessions is with a different contact than the contacts of the other IM sessions in the plurality of IM sessions;

displaying a first one of the plurality of IM sessions in a single IM session window;

representing each one of the plurality of IM sessions as a corresponding one of a plurality of indicators in the single IM session window;

receiving a plurality of messages in one or more of the plurality of IM sessions; and

indicating the number of messages received from one or more of the plurality of IM sessions in ~~each of the~~ respective indicators in the single IM session window which corresponds to the one or more of the plurality of IM sessions in response to receiving the plurality of messages.